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C O N F I D E N T I A L BONN 14861

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DEPARTMENT PLEASE PASS TO AMBASSADOR STOESSEL

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: OVIP (BLUMENTHAL, W. MICHAEL)
SUBJECT: VISIT TO GERMANY OF TREASURY SECRETARY
BLUMENTHAL

REF: (A) USBERLIN 2344, (B) STATE 212205

1. IN VIEW OF REF A AND B, WE ASSUME THAT TENTATIVE
BERLIN SCHEDULE AS OUTLINED REF B ACCEPTABLE.
2. WE PRESUME GOVERNING MAYOR WILL HOST DINNER.
(BERLIN PLEASE CONFIRM.)
3. WE ASSUME THAT WE ARE NOW AUTHORIZED TO ACCEPT
INVITATION FROM BERLIN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE (HERR ELFE)
TO HOST SPEECH BY SECRETARY BLUMENTHAL AND PROPOSE
TIME OF 1715 (5:15 PM) ON NOVEMBER 1 FOR SPEECH
PRESUMABLY AT THE STOCK EXCHANGE. PLEASE ADVISE.
4. FINANCE MINISTRY INFORMS US THAT APEL WILL HOST
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BONN LUNCHEON (PROBABLY AT THE REDOUTE). NOT YET CLEAR
IF CHANCELLOR IS THINKING OF A MEETING "UNDER FOUR EYES"
OR WITH ONE OR TWO MINISTERS PRESENT.

5. GIVEN DISTANCES BETWEEN VARIOUS MEETING PLACES IN
BONN, WE BELIEVE THAT SCHEDULE PROPOSED REF B IS TOO
TIGHT. FRIEDERICH EBERT STIFTUNG MEETING HAD BEEN

SCHEDULED BY GERMANS FOR 1700. AT OUR REQUEST THEY HAVE NOW PUSHED IT BACK TO 1800, BUT FEEL IT DIFFICULT TO PUSH BACK FURTHER. NEVERTHELESS DO NOT BELIEVE THERE WILL BE TIME BETWEEN CHANCELLOR'S MEETING AND FRIEDERICH EBERT STIFTUNG SPEECH FOR BOTH A PRESS CONFERENCE AND A MEETING WITH ECONOMICS MINISTER FRIDERICH. FINANCE MINISTRY STAFF TELLS US THAT THEY BELIEVE THAT APEL IS THINKING OF A JOINT PRESS CONFERENCE WITH SECRETARY BLUMENTHAL. IN THIS SITUATION WE RELUCTANTLY RECOMMEND THAT THE SEPARATE MEETING WITH FRIDERICH'S PROPOSED REF B BE DROPPED.

6. WE ASSUME SECRETARY BLUMENTHAL IS ACCEPTING THE AMBASSADOR'S INVITATION TO STAY AT RESIDENCE BOTH IN BERLIN AND BONN. PLEASE CONFIRM.

7. IN VIEW OF CHANGED PLANS, SUGGEST WASHINGTON ARRANGE DIRECTLY WITH AIR FORCE FOR TRANSPORTATION ROME/BERLIN/BONN/FRANKFURT.
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